

MAY 2004

The London Chapter Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

CISA and CISM Examination Venues

This year the number of candidates (over 260) for the CISA and CISM exams has exceeded expectations to the extent that the original venue is full to capacity. Therefore there will be a second venue (at the same campus, but in a different building).

Candidates will be notified of their venue individually. However, our colleagues in the International Office (who organise the examinations) have sent us a spreadsheet showing the venue for each candidate. If you are taking the exam, please visit the ISACA London website to inspect the spreadsheet, or if you know a candidate, perhaps you could bring the change to their attention.

Venues for Conferences

One of our members has asked why it is that our conferences, such as EuroCACS, the International and Regional events always seem to take place in prestigious hotels – hinting that selection of such venues may have constituted profligacy with members' funds.

I am happy to put the record straight on this issue. It is unfortunately a fact that the only venues that can be found to accommodate the hundreds of attendees at these events (most of whom want to stay at the conference venue), are at the 'prestigious' end of the hotel spectrum. I would be happy to pass on any alternatives (short of an Audit 'Glastonbury' event) that can fit the bill.

Training Courses

I am pleased to report that both our CISA Training courses and the 'Implementing CobiT for IT Governance' course were full subscribed. My thanks to your Board members who have organised and presented at these events.

ICAEW Joint Conference

With its focus on both management and technical streams, together with two excellent keynote speakers, our joint Conference with the ICAEW on 27th April was attended by over 120 delegates. By any measure, this was a successful event. I am confident that we will be able to organise a similar event in the near future. Watch this space!

Byeee.....

This will be my last Newsletter as my two year term as President is now up. I now hand over the reins to Allan Boardman. I have been very lucky to have had very good Chapter Board members and I would like to thank them for their efforts and support over the last two years.

It has been a privilege to serve as the London Chapter President, and I am sure that if you give Allan the same support which you have given me, then the future for the Chapter looks bright.

May AGM and Presentation

Gabriel Lung will be presenting at our May meeting on Thursday 27th May, on the subject of 'Auditing ERP Systems'. The presentation will be preceded by our Annual General Meeting at 5.00pm. I think this event will be very well attended and remind you to register your attendance with Christine prior to the event to secure your place. I look forward to seeing you there!

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

Contacting the Chapter

Christine will usually be available between 08.30 - 12.30 each weekday to take telephone calls. If she is not available just leave a message on the ansaphone, and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively you can email her. All her contact details are at the foot of the page.

MEMBERS' MEETING 27th May: 5.30pm **ABN AMRO, 250 BISHOPSGATE**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ISACA LONDON CHAPTER WILL BE HELD AT 5.00PM. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

'How to Audit an ERP System Via the Risk Management Route'.

Speaker: Gabriel Lung MBA, CEng, Eur Ing, CISA, MBCS, MIMIS, AMBA

Gabriel has worked in auditing for the past eight years covering operations, finance and IT areas. Before becoming an auditor, he had 16 years experience working for BAA, Marks and Spencer and British Telecom.

Gabriel has some international business experience. He was seconded to BAA International in 1999, where he was Director of Project Management with responsibility for conducting due diligence on a number of airport management projects in China. His long spell in IT has taken him through all the aspects of system development. His strong technical background has been augmented by his achievement of the MBA qualification and in-depth knowledge of risk management techniques gained through auditing. Gabriel is the initiator of risk base auditing in BAA. He has successfully introduced the CSA process into Group IT where IT management is fully entrusted to manage own risks through using the CSA process with minimum intervention by Audit.

Gabriel is a regular presenter within BAA and at external conferences on topics covering IT audit areas, risk management and the CSA process.

How to Audit an ERP System via the Risk Management Route

The introduction of a full scale ERP system into any company will bring about significant changes to the way the business is run. Despite investing tens of millions of pounds in acquiring the system and going through extensive change programmes to take on this new initiative, many companies find that significant control issues persist. Given the immense scale of an ERP implementation, in terms of number of integrated business processes and people involved, a new approach to auditing this type of application system is necessary.

Gabriel will illustrate how the introduction on risk management techniques to the business enables him to achieve his objective of providing effective independent assurance to management in BAA.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Held at ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopsgate. 5.30pm

24th June 2004: 'Real Life Security Incidents'. Speaker: David Ramirez